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NORTH AMERICA'S FREIGHT RAILROADS

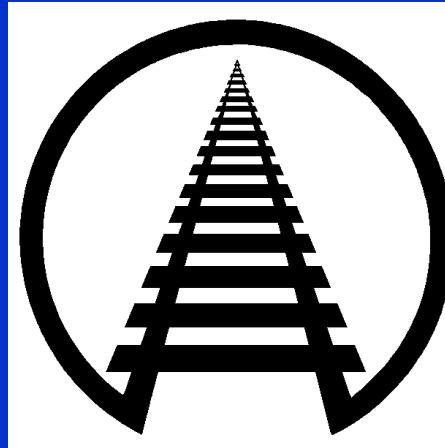
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Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Project



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Chicago: The Nation's Transportation Hub

- World's 3rd busiest intermodal hub.
- One third of all freight rail traffic converges on Chicago daily.
- Chicago's rail network is a key part of national, regional and local economy.
- Over the next 20 years, freight rail volume in Chicago will increase 80%.
- If rail capacity is not addressed, Chicago will lose \$2 billion in production over the next two decades.



Chicago Rail Infrastructure

- 16,000 acres, twice the area of O'Hare
- 78 yards, including 21 intermodal (rail-truck)
- 2,800 route-miles of track
- 12 commuter rail routes
- 1,100 viaducts and bridges

Daily Activity:

- 1,200 trains (500 freight, 700 passenger)
- 37,500 rail cars processed
- 20,000 truck moves through intermodal gates



“Unless we do something, Chicago is in danger of becoming a bottleneck in the nation’s rail transportation system. And that would have serious consequences not just for the city but for the nation as a whole. If we don’t make improvements, we can expect even worse congestion.”

— Mayor Richard M. Daley



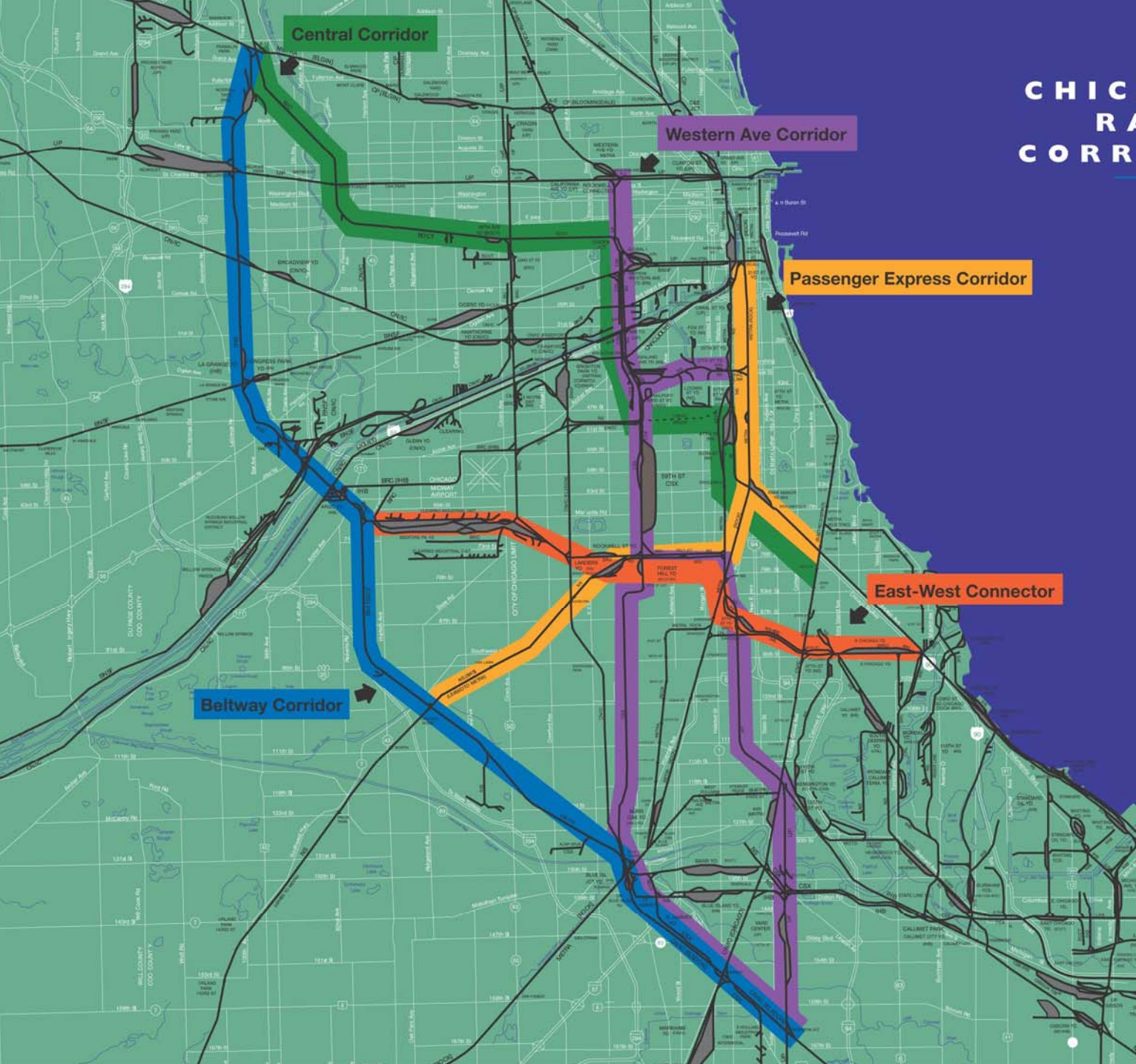
CREATE Program

- Focuses operation on 5 corridors
- Builds 25 road/rail separations
- Builds 6 passenger/freight rail flyovers
- Viaduct improvement program
- Grade crossing safety enhancements
- Improves train control system
- 50 miles of new track on existing right-of-way
- Combined length of corridors 122 miles
- 364 new switches
- Automation of 14 interlockings

Brighton Park



CHICAGO'S RAIL CORRIDORS



CHICAGO GATEWAY





National Benefits

- Improvements in Chicago's rail network will benefit the rest of the Midwest and the rest of the country.
- 5 million jobs nationwide, \$782 billion in output and \$217 billion in wages.
- After Illinois, the 4 states most economically dependent on Chicago's rail are California, Texas, Ohio and New Jersey.
- Businesses demand "Just In Time" precision.

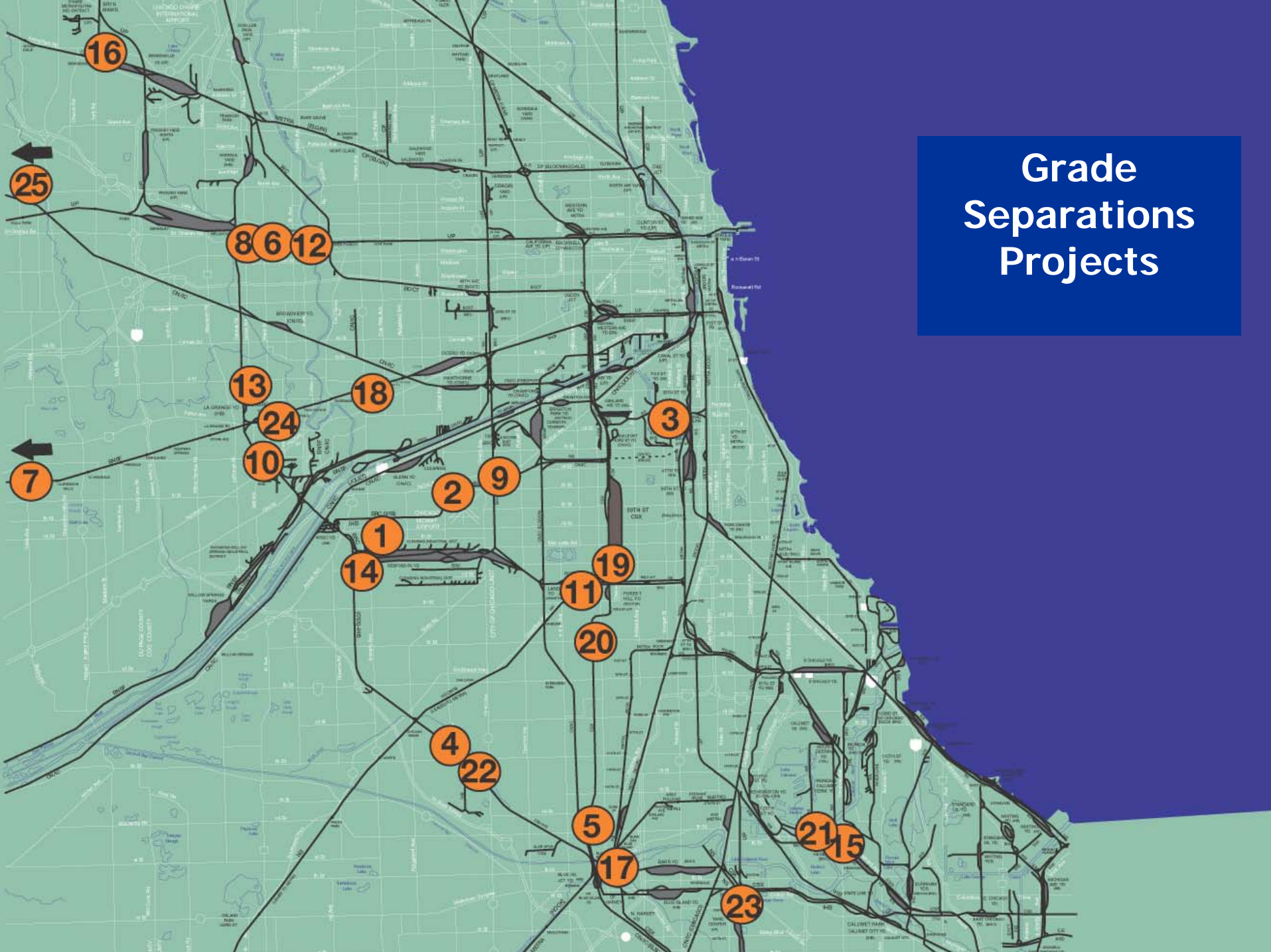


Local and Regional Benefits

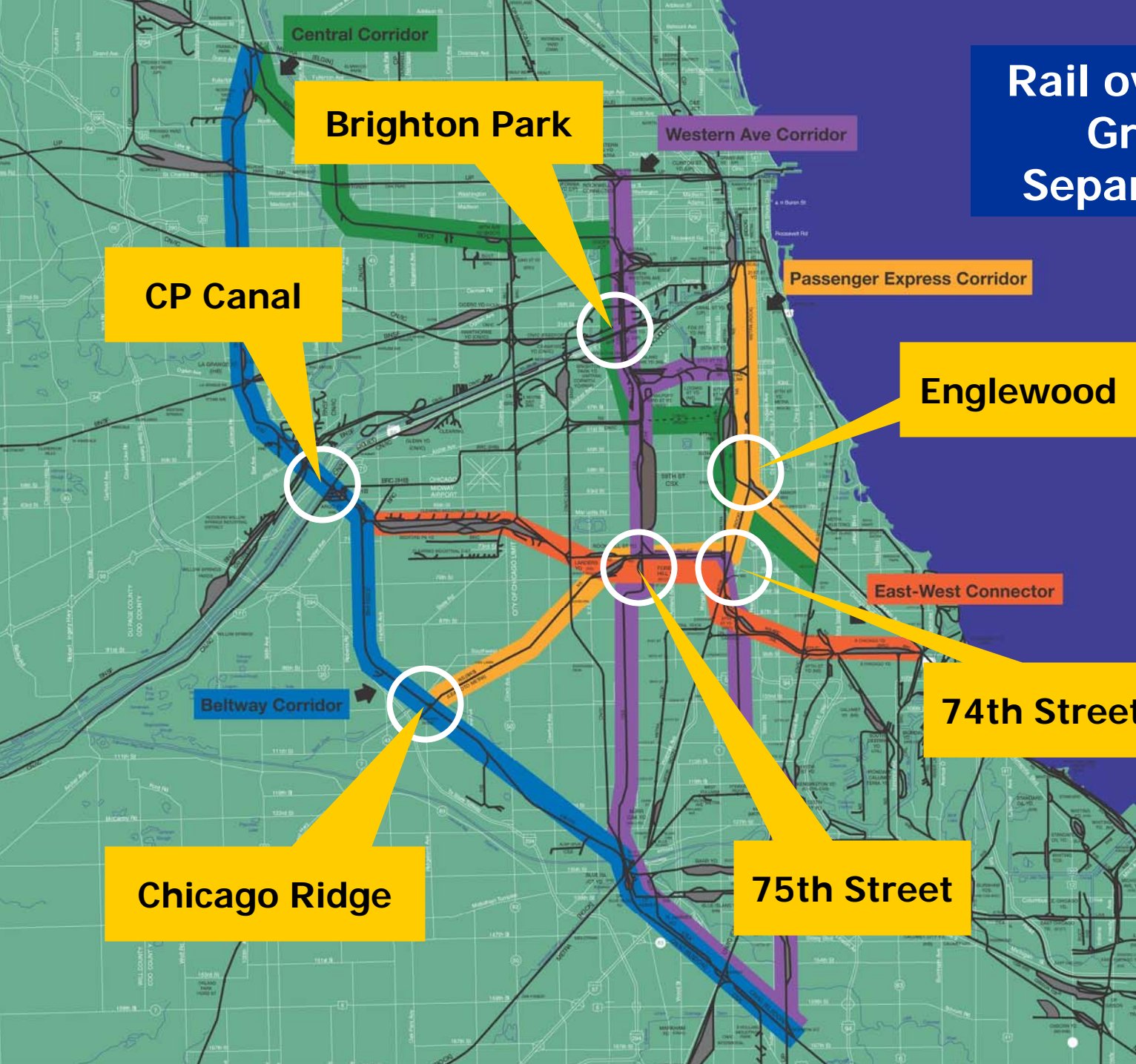
The CREATE program will bring the Chicago region billions of dollars in societal, economic and job-related benefits.

- Less Congestion, fewer delays
- Increased safety
- Improved commuter rail service
- Cleaner air
- Increased lakefront land use
- A stronger economy

Grade Separations Projects



Rail over Rail Grade Separations



Brighton Park

CP Canal

Western Ave Corridor

Passenger Express Corridor

Englewood

East-West Connector

74th Street

75th Street

Chicago Ridge

Beltway Corridor



Next Steps

- Information dissemination and feedback
- Secure public funds from state and federal sources
- Begin design engineering
 - IDOT contribution - \$10M
 - Railroad contribution - \$2.5M

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